Scholarships to OBC students

555. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released the funds for pre-matric and post-matric scholarships scheme, hostel construction scheme and other welfare scheme for OBC during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated under the above schemes to the States/UTs and NGOs during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State/UT-wise allocation of funds under the scheme for welfare of OBCs are not made. However, funds released to States/UTs and NGOs during the current financial year under these schemes is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Funds released to States/UTs and NGOs for the Welfare of OBC students

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount Released (Rs. in crore)
1.	Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for OBCs	16.30
2.	Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for OBCs	18.26
3.	Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls	10.72
4	Grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations working for the welfare of OBCs	1.59
5.	Loan Scheme of NBCFDC	4.00

Rehabilitation of weaker sections of society

556. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any national plan has been formulated by Government for rehabilitation of weaker sections of the society;